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BARACK OBAMA.
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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, obviously I rise to commemorate some special days, St. Patrick's Day to all of my wonderful Irish friends all over the Nation, and certainly to perpetuate the wonderful relationship that we have with the great nation of Ireland.

At the same time, we have the opportunity to celebrate supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month, and I thank my good friend, Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY, for offering H. Res. 211, supporting the goals and ideals of National Women's History Month.

There is so much we can say as part of the great history of the women of this country and around the world, but we all should note that women express and exhibit a very special part of American history.

Today, women account for 51 percent of the world's population, and throughout women's time, we have had countless sisters of brilliance. And so I salute them today and say we must stand for the cause of pay equity, and I am excited that one of the first bills that the President signed was pay equity.

I am also excited to note that I offered legislation to support the placement of Sojourner Truth, a suffragette and an abolitionist, in the House of the United States Capitol, and that will be done.

Let me close by simply thanking all of the great women of this Nation, Barbara Jordan and others, for what they have done and what they have contributed to America's history.

HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, human lives should never be sacrificed for the promotion of science. The very purpose of science is to uphold and protect life. We cannot in one breath say we want to advance science in order to save lives, and in the next support science that devalues the life of the smallest and most defenseless humans. All human life is sacred.

The alternatives to embryonic stem-cell research are vast. There is no reason to force taxpayers to fund research that will destroy human life because the advances we are seeing from adult stem-cell research hold tremendous promise.

To date, there have been 73 treatments for disease ethically using adult forms of stem-cell research while embryonic stem-cell research has failed to provide a single treatment.

There is no one in this Chamber who does not wish to see science advance. But as we progress, we must be mindful that science is best when it is used within ethical boundaries. In our quest for progress, if we compromise the morals that support us, what good will our so-called progress be then?

OUT-OF-CONTROL SPENDING MUST STOP

(Mr. LUETKEMEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, families and small businesses all across our country are making sacrifices, yet our government continues to spend like a drunken sailor. And how does Washington propose paying for all this spending? With more tax increases on hardworking families and small businesses, the very businesses that are crucial generators of job creation and economic growth.

The President's budget includes the largest tax increase in history, shouldering our families and small businesses with the cost of an ever-expanding government. Tax increases on small businesses will stifle job creation and economic growth at the very moment our country needs a strong and robust small-business sector to help us get back on solid ground.

The President's cap-and-trade program will increase the cost of energy for all Americans and place a tax of about \$3,000 per household in my district for this very program. Hardworking families and businesses all across my district and America are asking: What is going on in Washington? Does it have a clue how we work hard and how we earn our money and what we are doing with it?

This out-of-control spending must stop.

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CONGRATULATING CARROLLTON HIGH SCHOOL LADY TROJANS ON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a very talented group of girls from Carrollton, Georgia. The Carrollton High School Girls Basketball team—or the Lady Trojans—defeated a very talented Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe team 51-31 to claim the Class AAA Georgia High School Association State title this weekend.

The Lady Trojans found themselves down at the half, 24-23. However, Carrollton's defense, led by Karisma Boykin—always helps to have cha-

risma, Mr. Speaker—stole the show in the second half, keeping the explosive Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe offense scoreless in the third quarter and allowing only seven points in the fourth quarter. As they say, defense wins championships.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that the other thing that wins championships, of course, is hard work and determination, and there was no shortage of that from Carrollton Coach Shon Thomaston and the Lady Trojans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Carrollton High School Lady Trojans on their State championship, as well as all of their hard work that got them there.

PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED ABOUT AIG BONUSES

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, the President showed some real anger about the bonuses that were paid to AIG executives. The problem is, he either knew they were getting the bonuses or he should have because every one of the spending bills that came through this House went through a conference committee, and the White House was deeply involved in what was put in those conference committee reports.

The stimulus package, the TARP bill, every single bill that gave money to AIG and to others went through the scrutiny of the White House. The President is up there today saying, "Oh my gosh, this is terrible," and he shows real anger. Well, if he didn't know about it, he should have; and if he did know about it, he shouldn't be raising Cain about it.

THE REAL AIG OUTRAGE

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker mentioned the outrage about the bonuses to AIG. That's not the real outrage. The real outrage is that taxpayers have given AIG \$173 billion, and this amount of money was then used to funnel out to other financial institutions.

After months of government stonewalling, on Sunday night AIG officially acknowledged where most of the taxpayer funds had been going. Since September 16, AIG has spent \$120 billion in cash, collateral, and other payments to banks, municipal governments, and other derivative counterparties around the world. This also includes \$20 billion to European banks. We never intended for this money to go overseas; the taxpayers thought it was going to AIG.

This list also includes American charity cases like Goldman Sachs,